

A Place and a Concept

Gulfshore Is Retreat Setting For Study

By Tim Nicholas

Modern Gulfshore is both a place and a concept.

And the idea for a retreat setting for religious instruction and inspiration has precedent in the Bible. Mark 2:13 tells of Jesus teaching ministry: "And He went forth again by the seaside and all the multitudes resorted unto Him and He taught them."

Jesus also separated himself from his daily world from time to time to pray.

Time for teaching and time for prayer will be an integral part of the ministry of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly from its dedication service May 5, forward, said Manager Frank Simmons.

Gulfshore is a place of beauty, situated right on Bay St. Louis, on tranquil waters. Its open air accommodations and white sandy beach lend an atmosphere of an exclusive resort.

It will be a place for vacations, but vacations with a purpose. Along with the various conferences for virtually the whole range of Baptist interests, visitors to Gulfshore will be able to participate in a multiplicity of sports and recreational activities.

Gulfshore has two tennis courts with rebound walls. There will be a softball

field and basketball and volleyball areas.

Beach or Pool

Visitors will have a junior-olympic-sized pool and a 600-foot-long white sandy beach at which to swim or soak up sun. Both will have a lifeguard on duty. A long pier avails fishing, three boat slips, and a long rail for leaning and looking at the calm waters.

The waters haven't always been calm. Hurricane Camille, nine years ago, blew away most of the facilities at Gulfshore. It has been rebuilt to withstand much greater forces of nature than Camille.

At the entrance to Gulfshore is the auditorium building which has seating for approximately 600 persons. The seating is movable for various needs. In addition there are 10 classrooms and dressing facilities for the adjacent pool.

The entrance road leads toward the beach and the administration building complex. In one interconnected series of facilities, the building holds sleeping accommodations for about 344 people, administrative offices, four classrooms, cafeteria, and bookstore and gift shop. The bookstore will be operated by the Baptist Bookstore of New Orleans, only 50 miles away.

Parking for cars and buses is nearby and the registration desk is on the ground floor. All guest rooms are on the second and third floors. None are on the ground floor. The upper floors

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FMB Appoints Two Mississippi Couples

Karl and Peggy Wallace and Richard and Martha Beal were among 30 persons appointed as career missionaries in Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, Tex., April 11 by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Wallaces will work in Peru, Cooperative

Gifts Lead

1977 Level

April ended on Sunday, and Cooperative Program receipts through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board were the lowest for the year.

The April gifts from churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention were \$555,826, which was \$63,567 below those of April, 1977. The April receipts brought the total for the year to \$2,837,740, however, which was \$288,385 more than for the first four months of 1977.

The prorata budget for a four-month period would be \$2,878,665.

"This has been our finest year thus far in missions giving, and no doubt it will continue to be," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer. "When the month ends on Sunday the receipts for gifts from the churches cannot help but be affected," he added. "The missionary zeal of Mississippi Baptists continues as great as ever."

where he will be a general evangelist. He was born in Magee and she in Jackson, Miss.

The Beals will serve in Venezuela, where he will work as a teacher in theological education by extension. He is a native of Pensacola, Fla.; she was born in Laurel, Miss.

Fort Worth Pastor

Currently Wallace is pastor of the Miller Grove community Baptist church in Fort Worth. He is also a student at Southwestern Seminary and expects to receive his master of divinity degree.

Born in Magee, he lived in Jackson all but three years of his life prior to college. The three years were in Martinsville, Va.

He received the bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State University. During college he was a Baptist Student Union summer missionary to Israel.

Summer Missionary

Mrs. Wallace is the former Peggy Vaughn of Jackson. She was graduated from Mississippi State University and also attended Southwestern seminary. While in college she was a BSU summer missionary to New Mexico. They have a daughter, Christina Susan, born in 1976.

He was a member of Crestwood Church and Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson. She attended Broadmoor Church in Jackson.

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Land Of Colorful History

Gulfshore Dedication Brings Past Memories

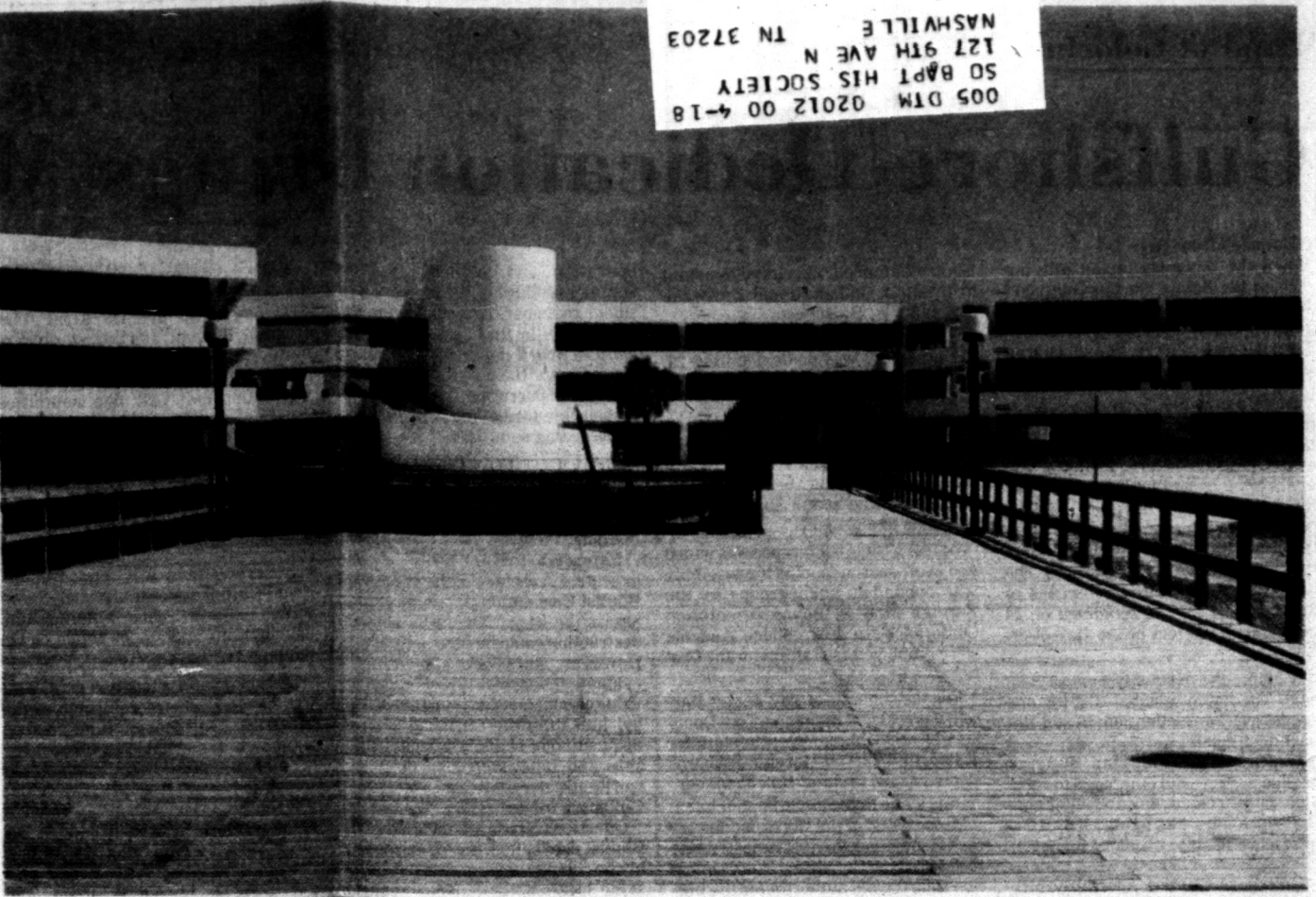
By Anne McWilliams

Mississippi Baptists took possession of 24 acres of land on Henderson Point on April 1, 1959, with plans to fit it to their needs as an assembly. This land on the Gulf of Mexico had a colorful history.

Legend goes that Christian L'Admirer, dispatched by Admiral Pierre le Moyné d'Iberville in 1704 to explore the waters around Ship Island, found the pass leading shoreward from Cat Is-

land. And the community that grew upon the land at that point was named in the Frenchman's honor, Pass Christian.

Cotton planters from Natchez and sugar merchants from New Orleans claimed the Pass as their favorite resort in the 1850's. Henderson Point, part of the town of Pass Christian, was built up by John Henderson, land lawyer and U. S. senator who lived there from 1839 until 1857.



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Sullivan To Speak

New Gulfshore Dedication Will Be Friday Evening

James L. Sullivan, a native of Lawrence County, Mississippi, who now lives in Tennessee, will be the speaker for the dedication service at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Sullivan is the immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and is the recently retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; the denomination's giant publishing agency in Nashville.

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly has been rebuilt following its destruction by Hurricane Camille in 1969. All of the buildings are new construction and conform to the new hurricane-proof building code now in existence for the area.

Walls Left Standing

The walls of the old gymnasium has been left standing following the hurricane, and building codes would have

allowed those walls to be used for a new auditorium. In September of 1976, however, as preparations were being made to begin construction of the new auditorium, the remaining structure burned beyond any further use. The new auditorium, which will be the site of the dedication service, then was built according to the hurricane-proof code and in keeping with the style of the new administration building.

Thus there are two gleaming white buildings on the beach of Bay St. Louis at Henderson Point. The main building, the administration facility, contains sleeping quarters, classrooms, infirmary, kitchen, dining room, equipment room, and offices. The building will house 344 persons for conferences and the dining area will handle about 165 persons at once.

The new auditorium will seat at least 600, and possibly more according to the arrangement of the chairs.

The total cost for the project has been about \$3.9 million. The contractor has been Roy Anderson Jr. of Gulfport.

A great deal of the money for the restoration of the assembly facility came from the insurance on the previous buildings. In addition an intensive fund-raising campaign was carried on for two years, and many churches added a third year in their gifts. Additionally, the Mississippi Baptist Convention instructed the restoration committee, headed by Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg, to borrow money if necessary in order to bring the project

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Christian Home Week Emphasizes Child Care

The Baptist Children's Village has announced the mailing of Mother's Day envelopes and related material to every local Baptist Church in Mississippi in preparation for its annual Christian Home Week emphasis. In Mississippi Baptist life, Christian Home Week, which is May 7 to 14, is the traditional period of mission emphasis upon Christian child care and, in particular, the ministry of The Baptist Children's Village.

In allocating Christian Home Week to The Children's Village for these purposes in 1967, the Mississippi Baptist Convention suggested Mother's Day, the final day in the eight-day observance, as the appropriate and convention-sanctioned date for designated giving by local Baptist churches to the budget needs of The Village. The Mother's Day offering represents the only appeal for cash gifts designated for The Children's Village which is

made during the year and, according to Village authorities, is critical to the child care mission, which is dependent upon designated gifts for not less than 67 percent of its minimum, operating needs.

Principal Offices

The Baptist Children's Village, with principal offices on its Flag Chapel Drive campus in Northwest Jackson, also operates a campus, or group, residential care centers for neglected and dependent children near Independence in Tate County (the Farrow Manor Campus) a group care of "satellite" home in New Albany, an organized and Village-supervised system of "foster" homes in virtually every area of the state, and a professionally-directed service of counsel and guidance to children and their families who are in a state of crisis.

The Village, initially organized in Jackson in 1894, admitted its first group of children to care at its Jackson facility on May 7, 1897. In February of 1971 the group home in New Albany was opened and added to the facilities of the Mississippi Baptist child care institution. In September of 1975 the

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Baker Heads Resolutions Committee

ATLANTA (BP) — Larry Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., has been appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions which will report to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in annual session at Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center, June 13-15.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, who appointed Baker and a 10-person resolutions committee, urged all SBC messengers submitting resolutions to streamline the procedures with the following steps:

(1) Submit resolutions in advance in writing, wherever possible, to Baker (P. O. Box 906, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701); (2) check resolutions passed by previous conventions (in convention annuals found in many church offices or in a comprehensive description of resolutions secured by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Southern Baptist Convention Resolutions, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219); (3) consult, wherever possible, with the chairman or members of the resolutions committee before a resolution is submitted to the convention; (4) be prepared to turn in a written copy of the resolution at the platform if it is made from the floor.

"These simple steps will avoid confusion and overlapping and will streamline the committee's efforts to do a thorough and fair job of processing resolutions," Allen said.

WMU Centennial

Committee Picks Oxford As Celebration Site

Mrs. Frances Tyler of Blue Mountain will be the keynote speaker for a commemorative service sponsored by

Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union on May 23 at First Church, Oxford from 11 o'clock until 12:30 as part of its Centennial Year celebration.

The Centennial Committee of Woman's Missionary Union selected Oxford as the site of the service because their first Central Committee was appointed there, and Mrs. J. L. Johnson lived there. Mrs. Johnson was the chairman of the first Central Commit-



James L. Sullivan



Groundbreaking was handled by Roy Anderson, contractor; Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer; Brooks Wester, restoration committee chairman; and Glenn Perry, restoration committee member.

Land of Colorful History

Gulfshore Dedication Brings Memories

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When the organist began playing, "When the Saints Go Marching In," Hudgins leaned over to Quarles and said, "Do you hear that, Ches? The Lord is going to let us have this property!"

Glenn Perry had been chosen to do the actual bidding and seemingly his bid of \$450,000 meant the Baptists had the top figure. When the land was sold again by separate lots, it looked like the Baptists might have lost, but the government allowed all bidders to extend their bids upward. Thus the Baptists got the property for \$455,000. The land was then valued in excess of \$1,000,000. It had 14 buildings on 24 acres along 900 feet of the Bay of St. Louis.

A Name-the-Assembly contest was held. The name selected was the one suggested by Convention Board department heads.

In early 1960, Douglas Hudgins headed a successful campaign to raise \$100,000 for remodeling and equipping Gulfshore. This was to match \$100,000 in reserve in state missions money.

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly officially opened with the Pastors' and Missionaries' Assembly, April 25-29, 1960, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department. O. B. Anderson was the first to register. He and 671 others were assisted in registration by

Eunice Campbell, executive assistant to the first Gulfshore and Kittiwake manager, W. R. Roberts.

Fifteen hundred were present when the assembly was dedicated July 22, 1960. During the first year of operation Gulfshore registered 3600, and recorded 397 decisions. Arthur L. Nelson became the second director of assemblies November 1, 1960. Grady Blackwell, who had directed the remodeling, was made supervisor of buildings and grounds.

In 1961 a Bible conference was added and in off-season months the assembly was opened to such groups as the Foreign Mission Board Orientation Conference. In 1962 college students were employed as staffers for the first time.

For the summer of 1963 James Harrell was resident manager. Tom Douglas was resident manager the summer of 1964, and then on March 1, 1965, was elected as the first full-time manager.

Hurricane Betsy hit on September 9, 1965, the worst of the storm driving across Henderson Point. Damage came to \$250,000 for Gulfshore. The Convention Board gave authority for the borrowing of funds for immediate repair work. In spite of Betsy's extensive destruction, the assembly was ready for the state Evangelism Conference February 7-9, 1966.

Attendance tripled in ten years of

operation, and doubled in the five summers following the hiring of a resident manager. Attendance for 1969 was 13,000. In that summer the Convention Board departments were responsible for the program, nine of the 14 weeks of operation, as they had been responsible for the majority of weeks in preceding summers.

August 17, 1969, brought Hurricane Camille, the worst hurricane ever to hit Mississippi. Everything at Gulfshore was lost but the land and one building, the gym.

Later when Earl Kelly became executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, he tried to assess the loss: "The awful physical destruction could be viewed by all. . . . However, only God can properly evaluate the losses. How do you place value on souls saved, young people called into full-time Christian service, acquisition of skills, Christian friendship and fellowship, and the warm spiritual inner glow which a week at Gulfshore imparted?"

Questions arose at the 1969 state Baptist convention. Should the assembly be rebuilt? If so, should it be in the same location? or another location? An Assembly Study Committee was appointed, with Beverly Tinnin as chairman.

In November, 1971, this committee recommended that the assembly be rebuilt on the Coast property.

A second Assembly Study Committee, with Estus Mason as chairman, in 1972 asked an architectural firm (Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott, designers of the Baptist Building) to perform a site study and design concept. At the convention that year this committee recommended that the design concept as presented be adopted; that construction begin in two years; that an assembly capital needs program be included in the convention budget; and that a fund-raising campaign be launched for \$1,250,000.

Beverly Tinnin was named chairman of a third Assembly Study Committee (1972-73). This committee was appointed to implement action on rebuilding.

David Grant, Convention president, was elected general chairman of the "Restore Gulfshore" fund-raising campaign. He and at least 400 pastors, denominational workers, and laymen sought to raise \$1,250,000 in two years, 1973 and 1974. Many churches voted to give two per cent of their budgets for three years. At the 1974 convention Grant announced that money and commitments totaled \$1,346,984. The convention then voted to go ahead with construction, even though the estimated cost had risen to \$3,500,000.

The Convention Board in May, 1976, awarded the restoration contract to Roy Anderson, Jr., Inc. of Gulfport on

recommendation of the construction committee led by Brooks Wester. Anderson's bid of \$3,750,000 was for hurricane proof construction.

Groundbreaking for a new Gulfshore was July 1, 1976, at 1 p.m.

The construction committee met at Gulfshore October 20, 1977, to inspect the completed three-story main building that had been designed by the architectural firms, Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott of Houston, Texas, and Slaughter, Smith, and Allred of Pascagoula. A new auditorium was being built on the foundations of the old gym that had burned in September, 1976.

In December, 1977, Frank Simmons was appointed as director of assembly operations. In early 1978 Freddie Cook was elected as buildings supervisor.

The dedication date was set for May 5, 1978, the first conference to be the May 22-24 Senior Adult Conference and Fair, sponsored by Church Training.

James Sullivan, guest speaker for the dedication service in 1960, was invited to be guest speaker also at the second dedication ceremony.

Accra, Ghana (RNS) — The Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Evangelical Presbyterian Churches of Ghana have agreed to recognize the validity of each other's baptisms.

Missionary News

William and Cathy Williams, missionaries to Colombia, have arrived in language school (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Germany, where his father was stationed while in the U. S. Army. He also lived in Alaska, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and Georgia. Mrs. Williams, the former Cathy Northcutt, is the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru.

Jason and Susan Carlisle, missionaries to Uruguay, may be addressed at Jose E. Rodo 585, Florida, Uruguay. He was born in Harlingen, Texas, and grew up in Montevideo, Uruguay, where his parents were missionaries. She is the former Susan Langston of Jackson, Miss.

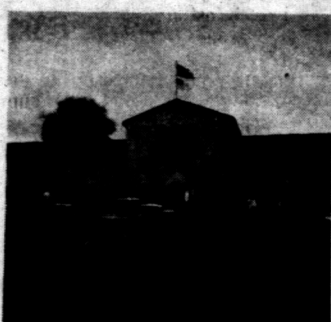
Peyton and Celia Moore, missionaries to Hong Kong, may be addressed at 6 Hampshire Rd., G/F, Kowloon, Hong Kong. He is a native of Meridian, Miss.

Cornelia Leavell, missionary to Hong Kong, may be addressed at 167 Boundary St., 1/F Flat A, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

R. H. and Rowena Falwell, missionary associates to Hong Kong, may be addressed at 2 Alnwick Rd., 5/F Flat C1, Kowloon, Hong Kong. He is a native of Murray, Ky. She is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss.



W. R. Roberts, second from right, assembly manager in 1960, shows the cafeteria equipment.



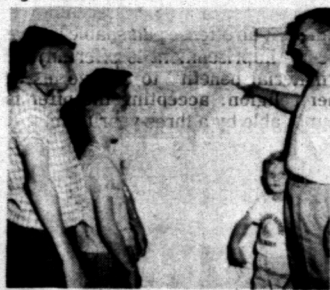
The Gulf flies the American and Christian flags.



The old Gulfshore sign resembled a lighthouse.



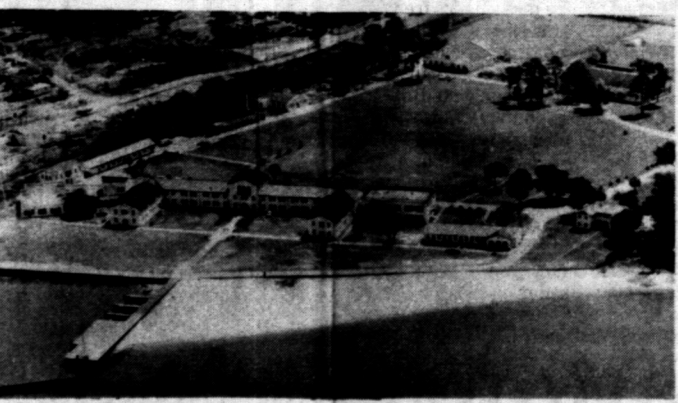
Earl Kelly, left, visits the Gift Shop at the first Gulfshore.



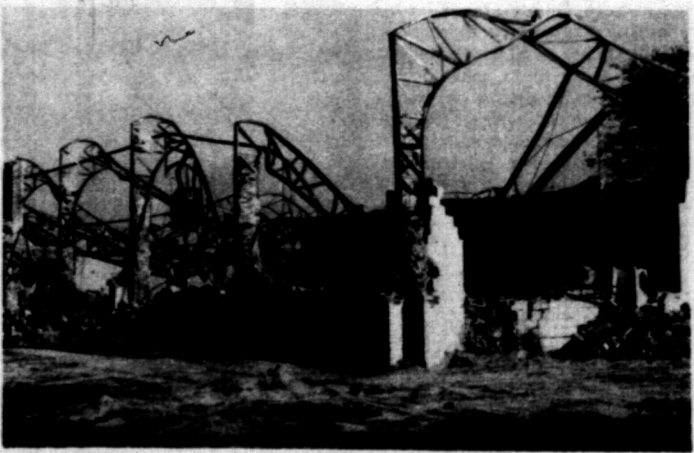
Edd Troft, missionary speaker at Gulfshore, shows a group of boys where he is stationed in Brazil.



Gulfshore is a place for study.



Gulfshore Baptist Assembly before Camille.



The gym burned at Gulfshore in September of 1976.



Gulfshore Baptist Assembly after Camille.



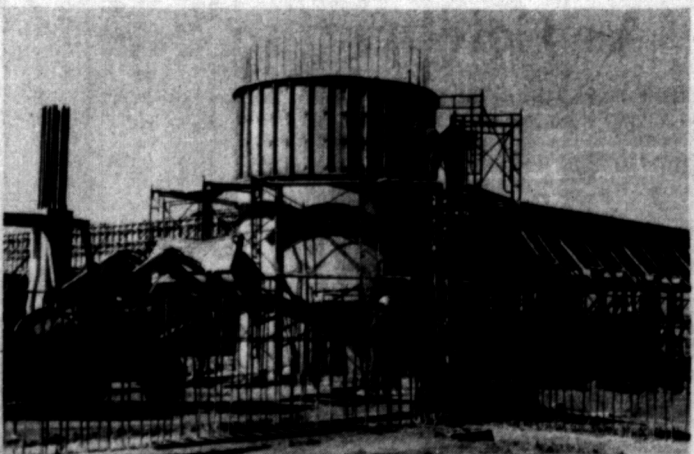
Grace Lovelace and Mrs. O. M. Jones (about 15 years ago) look over a book in the Baptist Book Store at Gulfshore. Miss Lovelace is secretary, Cooperative Missions Department. Mrs. Jones, now retired, was manager of the Baptist Book Store.



Earl Kelly addresses the group gathered for the groundbreaking service.



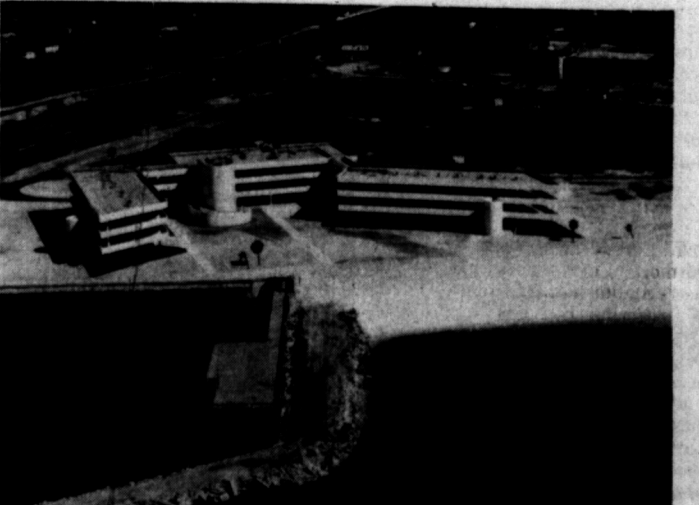
Participants join hands for prayer at the groundbreaking service.



Construction is under way on the restoration.



A new sign announces that this is the entrance to Gulfshore.



Gulfshore 1978 nears completion.

Missions Directors To Gather In May

The Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions will be gathering in Vicksburg, May 12-13, for their spring meeting. Maurice Flowers, Director of Missions in Jones County, is the conference president.

Activities will begin with a banquet at First Church, Vicksburg, on Friday evening, 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Ladies Washboard Band from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Reservations for the banquet are being made with George Lee, Secretary for the Conference.

A business meeting will be held on Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn

preceded by a buffet breakfast. Reservations for rooms at the motel are being made personally by those attending the meeting.

A bus tour has been arranged for the Directors of Missions and their wives to see the national park, after the business meeting. Norman O'Neal, host director of missions, has engaged a guide for the tour.

Twenty-seven directors of missions have made reservations for the banquet on Friday evening. All reservations should be made by Monday, May 8.



Mothers And Daughters "Celebrate 100"

"Mother-Daughter Celebrate 100" brought 257 GAs and their mothers to Camp Garaywa April 22-23. Mrs. Billy Peacock, above, missionary to Korea, shows Korean curios and autographs the girls' programs.



Robin McKee, college student, directed the girls' play. Another Mother-Daughter Weekend at Garaywa is scheduled for Sept. 15-16. The theme will be "GA World Whirl."



Mrs. David Myers, home missionary, Jackson, and Mrs. Barry Landrum, Bosier City, La., were on program for Mother-Daughter Weekend at Garaywa. Waudine Storey, GA consultant, WMU Department, directed the program. Mrs. Landrum led a period for mothers on teaching missions in the home.



Tanner



McGregor

BMC Grads To Hear Tanner And McGregor

William G. Tanner, executive director of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will speak to the 1978 graduating class at Blue Mountain College on May 7 in Berry Auditorium. Tanner, a native of Oklahoma, was formerly pastor at First Church, Gulfport.

Blue Mountain College president E. Harold Fisher also announced that Kermit McGregor of Hattiesburg will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on the morning of graduation exercises in Berry Auditorium beginning at 11 a.m. McGregor has been pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg for several years. On June 1 he will begin a new pastorate at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

He received Hattiesburg's Distinguished Service Award in 1972, is currently serving as a member of the Mississippi Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and is chairman of the education commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

McGregor is a native of Algoma and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. McGregor of Okolona.

Penetration Teams Plan To Double Sunday Schools

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists in upper New England are using Bold Mission Penetration Teams to try and double the number of Sunday Schools, churches and church-type missions by the end of this year.

One hundred twenty persons have been trained and formed into the teams with a goal of starting 20 new Sunday Schools in Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. The teams conduct ACTION enrollment campaigns, participate in witnessing and ministry efforts and conduct surveys.

"We're encouraging teams to use the ACTION enrollment plan and go ahead and start a Sunday School," said Curtis Griffiths, director of religious education for the New England Baptist Fellowship. "Sometimes in the past our process for starting new work

has included so many different steps that it has actually slowed our progress."

The first new Sunday School was started in Rutland, Vt., by Oliver Lusk, a Christian Service Corps volunteer who also is a contract worker with the Sunday School Board's growth section. New work also has been started in Derre and Hanover, N. H. Two fellowships recently were begun in Maine.

Baltimore (RNS) — The city's zoning board has been ordered to return the permit it revoked five years ago to a Nazi bookstore which had been used as the party's headquarters. Circuit Court Judge David Ross said the zoning board was "arbitrary and capricious" in revoking the Nazi bookstore's license in 1973, on the grounds that "a bookstore does not exist on the premises."

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS) — The Pennsylvania House of Representatives, by a vote of 172 to 19, has passed a Senate-approved bill to restore the death penalty for murder.

New York (RNS) — The Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn have issued a joint statement calling for defeat of the homosexual rights bill now before the New York City Council. The bill, Intro 384, would make it illegal to discriminate in housing, jobs, or public accommodations on the basis of "sexual orientation."

Jerusalem (RNS) — The heads of the Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Roman Catholic Churches in Jerusalem have issued a joint appeal to Israeli President Ephraim Katzir to use his good offices to prevent implementation of a controversial new "anti-missionary" law that went into effect April 1. The penal code amendment, "Enticement To Change of Religion," was adopted by the Knesset (parliament) in December. It makes it an offense punishable by five years' imprisonment to offer anyone "material benefit" to change his or her religion; accepting the offer is punishable by a three-year term.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Despite medical evidence of the dangers of smoking, cigarette sales continue to boom because of the profit-ability of the industry, massive government subsidizing, and the glamorous portrayal of smokers, according to a global study. The study by Worldwatch Institute, an independent research group here, indicated that the U. S. spent about \$65 million in fiscal 1977 on activities supporting the tobacco industry including price supports, crop grading and export promotion. In addition, the government held tobacco stocks worth \$659 million.

Jerusalem (RNS) — For the first time in its 30-year history, Israel will have a Sephardic Jew as its President. Yitzhak Navon, 57, an opposition Labor Party member, was elected April 19 by the Knesset to succeed Ephraim Katzir as the nation's fifth chief of state. Navon will be the first Israeli-born leader and the first from Israel's Sephardic majority to hold the largely ceremonial post.

Colorado Springs, Colo. (RNS) — Col. James B. Irwin, USAF Ret., founder and chairman of the board of High Flight Foundation, was given the National Citizenship Award of the Military Chaplains Association during its 1978 National Institute for Professional Development here.

Forest City, Iowa (RNS) — Two clergymen have forced the park and recreation department here to postpone its yoga exercise classes until it can be determined if the classes teach Hinduism. "(Yoga) opens young people up to the Hindu religion, and it's a sneaky way to come into it," said Jay Hunt of the independent High-Way Chapel.

The Missions Task

Not A Time To Rest

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

One major motel chain uses as its slogan: We're building a reputation, not resting on one.

Satan has no more effective weapon against advance in gospel witness around the world than the temptation to rest on our achievements. If God's people lose their vision, the peoples of the world will certainly perish. A fresh new challenge is being given in our day to make the Kingdom's most basic message known in every area of the world and to do it in a specified period of time, 2000 A. D.

Each church must come to feel the urgency of this task. It is true that God, the Holy Spirit, must motivate His people before they move effectively and cooperatively, but God does His work with men and through men. God does not use sticks and stones to speak His word or see His visions. He uses men and today more than ever God needs real men who are committed to His call for this day and hour. He cannot use the half-hearted. He needs men who will love and serve Him with all their hearts. Perhaps God has placed you in a key position and place of responsibility for this very hour.

It is imperative that each church leader fully acquaint himself with the challenge that faces Bible-believing Southern Baptists in the last quarter of this century. It is the new BOLD MISSION THRUST calling for tremendous increases in men and money to share the Good News with all mankind.

There comes to each of us at some time during the journey of life a challenge that is bigger than we can even comprehend, much less hope to accomplish. It can only be realized through dedicated and committed believers throwing their lives open to the unlimited power of God.

Such a challenge is now upon us. If we look only at the size of the task, it overwhelms us. Only as we see it through God's eyes can we hope eventually to achieve it. Bible history is scattered with victories won by God's committed minorities against overwhelming odds. Such will have to be the experience of our time!

This lost world has millions of people, to double in number in the next 25 years, who are illiterate, sick, hungry, reeling and reaching out for any hand that is extended toward them. They are willing to listen and multitudes will respond if only the effort is made to give them salvation and hope in Christ and His way of life.

Can Christians in Baptist churches across this land give up their idols and serve the living God in understanding and truth as they devote their treasures to the service of mankind through an effort of Christian World Missions? You and I must answer this question through our churches and denomination in our lifetime. If we are to be obedient to Christ's command, a positive response is not optional!

As people who must give account to God for every day lived, every dollar earned and spent, every talent used or misused, what will our answer be as the collection plate passes next Sunday morning? For Southern Baptists, the time has come to prove the sincerity of our love!

The little girl on the mission field asked the missionary a disturbing question: "Why don't more Christians come to tell our people of God's love? Is it because they don't love us, or is it that they don't love Jesus very much?"

Each of us must answer that little girl's question! What will your answer be?

Administration Sponsors Youth Camp Safety Bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — Administration opposition to a youth camp safety law has been reversed with the introduction of such a measure in the Senate at the request of Joseph A. Califano, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

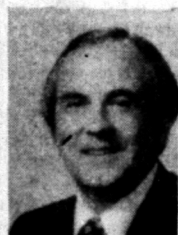
Introduced by U. S. Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., the administration proposal would provide for the development of safety and health standards by HEW and the provision of grants and technical assistance to the states from the federal government. Responsibility for implementation and enforcement of such regulations would remain with the states, according to Califano.

Several church groups have opposed

youth camp safety legislation on the grounds that it would bring church camping under governmental control. Other opposition has centered on the increasing role of the federal government in areas traditionally reserved to state governments.

Previous legislation in the House and Senate has included a statement of noninterference which guaranteed freedom for a camp in its program and admissions policy. Standards for camp personnel related only to competence in safety matters, not religious affiliation. The administration proposal does not contain such a guarantee of noninterference by the government in religious questions.

Time for Relaxation and Recreation



Nimmons



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FAMILY WEEK July 3-7, 1978

GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Sponsored by Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention

Registration: Monday, July 3, 3:00 p.m.
Adjourn with lunch on Friday, July 7

SPECIAL EMPHASES:

Bible Study
Couples Communication
Parenting Workshops
Parenting
Stepparenting
Single parenting
Grandparenting
Family Enrichment Groups
Youth Conferences
Provision for Children

Special date for
"Singles Again"
(See below)



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Among Program Personalities are:

Dr. & Mrs. Bob Adams, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth
Ann Alexander, Singles Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
Dr. Bill Blackburn, Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas

Martha Hines, Professional Musician, Spartanburg, S. C.
Dr. Ben Loring, Christian Life Commission of Texas, Dallas
Rev. & Mrs. Billy T. Nimmons, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Ga.

Send registration of \$5.00 per person 9 and above, \$1.50 per person 8 and under, to:
Gulfshore Baptist Assembly
Henderson Point
Pass Christian, MS 39571

Cost: Meals, \$6.75 per day per person
Rooms, \$4-\$8 per day, depending upon number of occupants

SINGLE AGAIN MINI-RETREAT

July 1, 4:00 p.m. - July 2, 7:30 p.m.
(Registration begins at 2:00)

("Afterglow" on Monday morning for those who can stay over. Adjourn with lunch)

Registration: \$3.00 per person

Cost: Same as above

Participants and families are welcome to attend the full family week if proper reservations are made.

Camp Care Planned For Messenger Kids

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — About 300 children ages 6-11 are expected to enroll in a three-day mission day camp June 13-15, while their parents attend the 121st annual Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

The camp, sponsored by the convention's Brotherhood Commission for the fifth consecutive year, will be held on the outskirts of Metropolitan Atlanta on a 12-acre secluded retreat.

Registration fee is \$5.00 per day which includes insurance, supplies, noon meals and transportation between the Georgia World Congress Center and the day-camp site.

Frank Black, director of the Crusader department at the commis-

sion, will direct the camp, with the help of adult counselors. The camp is designed to give messengers freedom to attend SBC sessions while their children participate in mission games, sports, crafts, and nature studies and getting to know Southern Baptist Home and Foreign missionaries.

Parents can register their children prior to each session Tuesday-Thursday at the day-camp registration booth adjacent to the messenger registration area in the convention center. The children will return to the convention center at the close of the afternoon session on Tuesday and Thursday and after the morning session on Wednesday.

Pre-School Arrangements Made For SBC Meeting

ATLANTA (BP) — Parents bringing pre-school age children to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, June 13-15, will find complete provisions made for their care during SBC sessions.

A pre-school child care center will be set up in the Georgia World Congress Center, beginning on Tuesday morning, June 13 and staying open through Thursday, night, June 15. It will not operate Wednesday afternoon, when no convention sessions are planned.

Tyler Aldrich, long-time pre-school worker in Avondale Estates First Baptist Church is chairman of the pre-school committee.

Aldrich said the service will be provided, at expense of parents, for chil-

dren born in 1973 or later. The pre-school center will be set up in rooms 302-303 and 305-310 in the World Congress Center.

The fee will be \$3.50 per child per session. The fee covers cost of accident insurance and is payable as children are checked into the center. Registration tables will be set up in the main lobby of the meeting hall and at the child care center.

Aldrich said the pre-school center will be especially equipped as a demonstration of a recommended child care facility for local churches. First aid coverage will be provided by Georgia Baptist Hospital. Walkietalkies will connect the center with ushers and convention officials.

Editors Urged To Support Sen. Glenn's Postal Bill

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — Church editors were urged here to throw their support behind a postal reorganization bill which would insure continued lower second-class rates for non-profit publications.

Despite Carter administration opposition, the House of Representatives gave overwhelming approval, 384 to 11, on April 6 to one version of the postal reorganization measure on April 6.

The Senate is expected to follow the House action, Russell T. Hitt, retired editor of Eternity magazine, told the

annual convention here of the Associated Church Press. He urged the editors to write in support of the Senate bill being introduced by Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio).

The reorganization measure provides, among other things, for a freeze on the way rates are determined for non-profit publications, according to Hitt. He said the non-profit rates amount to 60 percent of what the normal second class rates are, and that "the Post Office has wanted to wipe out any distinction for non-profit."

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Editorials

Dedication Friday . . .

The New Gulfshore

Two gleaming white buildings rise from the sands of the Bay St. Louis beach and are the modern, new facilities of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. They will be dedicated in services Friday evening.

With the blue waters of the bay behind them and the blue sky of the Mississippi Gulf Coast above them, the two new buildings are impressive indeed as travelers drive along Highway 90 or cross the bay on the highway bridge.

In the main building are accommodations for 344 persons in rooms arranged for groups of from two to eight.

There are also four efficiency apartments. The kitchen and the adjoining dining room will handle 165 persons at a time, which means everyone on the campus will be able to eat in a short time.

The main building also has administration offices, the equipment room, an infirmary, and classrooms.

Many of the living quarters have remarkable views of the bay.

The walls of the old gymnasium were left standing following Hurricane Camille, and plans were to build an auditorium within these walls. In September of 1976, however, the remains of the gymnasium were destroyed by fire; and a completely new auditorium was the only choice. It is complete and will seat at least 600 persons, and perhaps more according to the arrangement of the chairs. In addition there are classrooms in this building also, to be found on two levels.

A new pier has been built into the bay. It has plenty of room for fishing, and several boat slips are available. The beach will be greatly enlarged, and the swimming pool is being rebuilt. There are tennis courts, and other forms of recreation will be available.

This is a facility of which Mississippi Baptists can be proud with good reason. It is being dedicated to the glory of God and the cause of Christ. Doubtless, through the years many will find the doors opening right here to avenues of Christian service. Thousands of others will go away from these shores with a renewed sense of dedication to be channeled through their own local churches.

More than gleaming white buildings on the sands of Bay St. Louis beach, Gulfshore will be a living monument to dedicated Christian living that will have its impact through the ages.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

'A Hallowed Spot For Baptists'

On the gulf of Mississippi
Where the water touches sand:
'Neath the towering oaks and pine trees,
In the best state in the land,
Is a hallowed spot for Baptists:
It's a beautiful place to see,
And when summer's sun starts shining,
It's the place you ought to be.

—Kermit S. King

Many of the towering oaks and pine trees are gone with Camille, but Gulfshore is back, more beautiful than before. The new buildings will be dedicated Friday evening, May 5, at 7:30. I plan to join the busload of Baptist Convention Board employees who will go to Pass Christian for the ceremonies.

In April, 1959, W. D. and I went with a group of Baptist Building employees and their families to the Coast for deepsea fishing and our first look at Gulfshore.

Tab Broome, Peggy's husband, drove the old, uncomfortable converted school bus, borrowed from the Baptist Hospital. At Kittiwake, where we ate and slept, W. R. Roberts, first assemblies manager, gave us a resounding welcome. The scrambled eggs he served for breakfast were delicious, as were the boiled shrimp for supper.

Out in the deep the fish were not biting, so we crisscrossed over to Ship Island. Mrs. Doss Smith was along, and so were W. C. Fields, and Roy and Maude Womack and J. E. Lane. Daphne Pridgen and Peggy Spencer kept us shouting with laughter. After Dr. Chester Quarles said he was hungry, Peggy Broome kept sharing her cheese and crackers with him.

Jim Taylor, Roberta's husband, drove the bus from Kittiwake to Gulfshore.

The property on Henderson Point had been bought at public auction the previous November after O. B. Anderson had seen an announcement of the auction in a newspaper and called it to Dr. Joe Odle's attention, and Dr. Odle had notified Dr. Quarles.

When I first saw Gulfshore that spring day 19 years ago, the buildings were much as they had been while in use as a school for Merchant Marine cadets. One of the classrooms still held engines and boilers. Driftwood had been a hospital and The Gulf a sleeping

place for cadets, four to a room. Harold Kitchings (Mississippi Baptist Foundation) spent four months in 1945 on Henderson Point in basic training for the USMCCUSNR — U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve.

He says that years later when he stayed in The Gulf as an assembly guest he was prone to want to jump out of the top bunk to make certain the room was prepared for the Captain's inspection. "If his white gloves raked across any dust," he recalls, "it meant one hour of marching for all four men in the room."

In 1966 he wrote, "Strange was the sensation the first night my wife and I accepted the invitation of Kermit King to join the other faculty members of a Training Union week at Gulfshore for refreshments in the Crows' Nest, former living quarters of the top officers in the Cadet Corps program."

His most terrifying memory of the Point was that of leaping from the 40 foot diving tower as part of the requirements for passing the life saving course in swimming.

In May, 1961, the year after the assembly opened, another group of Board employees visited Gulfshore. On the way, Carolyn Madison, Mrs. Smith and I stopped to see W. C. Morgan at the hospital in Gulfport. He'd had a heart attack on April 27.

Later Carolyn and I went swimming. (Now retired, she will be one of the teachers for the first Sunday School mini-week this summer.)

Jim Newton was on the weekend outing in 1961 as a guest of Pat Tullios. (The two had met via teletype and were married not long afterward.) When Mrs. Smith got seasick on the way to Ship Island, Jeanette Anderson (now Mrs. Bill Sellers) gave her some pills that made her even sicker. Faces of Joe Haynes, Bill Latham, Grace Lovelace — these were among the many there that weekend.

A. L. Nelson, second assemblies manager, was overseer of the barbecue on the beach. Afterward we sat on the pier under the stars, sang, and listened to a devotional talk before going to find our beds.

June 13 to 15 . . .

SBC Is Fellowship, Motivation

The Southern Baptist Convention is June 13 to 15 in Atlanta, Ga. If messengers have not already been elected, this is an item of business that would need to be looked after very shortly.

More than likely, of course, those who plan to go have already made arrangements to do so. What might be left is finding who they are so that they might be elected as messengers.

The Southern Baptist Convention is not all there in Atlanta that week, of course. Always there are a number of meetings held during the same week for the convenience of those attending

the convention. The two major meetings of this nature are the Woman's Missionary Union, which begins on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and goes through Monday afternoon, and the Pastors' Conference, which begins on Sunday at 6:25 p.m. and continues through Monday evening.

Programs for each of these three meetings have been published in the Baptist Record. Other meetings held on a regularly

scheduled basis will be smaller in attendance but no less important to those attending.

In addition there will be a National Conference of Baptist Men on the day following the convention. There are to be 19 different breakfasts from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for laymen in as many different categories of work. The breakfasts will be followed by a rally from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Atlanta Omni. President Jimmy Carter is scheduled to address this meeting.

The men's conference will be sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and will be for the purpose of communicating the values of lay involvement in Christianity, of indicating that Southern Baptists represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds, of making Southern Baptists aware of the many ways that lay persons can share their faith, and of emphasizing the need for involving lay persons in missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention, of course, is primarily geared for decision making concerning the many agencies of the convention. It is also a time of inspiration, fellowship, and motivation.

A recent suggestion by George Bagley, executive secretary in Alabama, was to cancel the 1981 convention in Los Angeles and use the millions of dollars that would otherwise be spent for witnessing to the area.

The 1981 convention, however, is already scheduled; and it should, it seems, be held. On the other hand, the idea of witnessing in the area does have real merit, for one of the reasons for going into some areas with the convention is for the impact it will have locally. Another suggestion has been for the churches and agencies sending the messengers to that convention to provide means for them to stay a couple of weeks extra in order to witness.

Convention President Jimmy Allen of San Antonio has served well and with a great deal of energy and determination during his first year. No doubt, he will be renominated and elected for the traditional second year in the office.

Both of these suggestions were made in the interest of Bold Mission Thrust. It is doubtful that anything like the amount of money regularly spent on a convention would be made available

for witnessing in the west if the convention were not held. And to skip one of the annual meetings would mean that we do not meet one every year. That may or may not be the case, but the situation would need some very careful consideration before such a conclusion is reached.

The second suggestion would accomplish about as much in the interest of Bold Mission Thrust as the first one with just about as many people involved if not more and at not a great deal more expense. There is one thing that is apparent. We need to be moving in accomplishing our objectives in Bold Mission Thrust. We may make some mistakes along the way, but we need to be doing something.

The nature of the widespread ministry that is carried on by his church, First Baptist Church of San Antonio, makes him a particularly appropriate president for this time of the beginning of our efforts in Bold Mission Thrust. He has been involved in it for years. Thus he knows whereof he speaks as he goes about the nation explaining and promoting the concepts of Bold Mission Thrust.

Letters To The Editor

Pastor Needed

Dear Editor:
Once again Calvary Baptist Church asks your assistance in helping contact a pastor. We have again been without a pastor for seven months and traditional methods have provided us with few qualified men from whom to choose.

We did receive criticism in using this method before, yet God blessed us in sending a wonderful pastor. We had no doubts that God led in this method as surely as He would have, had we gone the traditional way. Our church grew spiritually under this pastor's leadership and we felt a great loss when he was led to return to seminary this past August.

We are asking that ministers who feel led by God to consider Calvary, send us a complete resume and a taped sermon made during a morning worship service. We would like the tape to include the invitation. We prefer the ministers have college and seminary degrees and some pastoral experience.

The church is in full cooperation with all Southern Baptist conventions and agencies. There are about 115 resident members. Sunday School attendance runs in the sixties when there is a minister on the field. At present attendance is staying in the high forties and fifties. Calvary's strength includes a warm and loving fellowship, a nucleus of trained and dedicated leaders, and an excellent stewardship record.

The salary for pastor is competitive, and fringe benefits are typical of those offered by Southern Baptist Churches.

LaPorte, Ind., is 75 miles from South Bend, Ind. and 70 miles from Chicago, Ill. It has a population of something above 22,000. Approximately half that number is unchurched.

We covet the prayers of all your readers that God will bless us soon in sending a pastor for Calvary.

Correspondence should be addressed to Patsy Thomas, Co-Secretary for Pulpit Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

Pulpit Committee
Calvary Baptist Church
411 McCollum Street
LaPorte, Indiana 46350

Memorable Day

Dear Sir:
Thank you so much for the beautiful print-out of Brother John Merritt, Executive Secretary of the European Baptist Convention.

It was a really memorable day in the history of this church and we are truly grateful for Brother Merritt being in our presence.

Again thank you for a job well done.
Sincerely,
E. F. Hall, III
Pastor
Delta City Baptist Church
Delta City, MS.

(NOTE: This pastor and his wife were killed in an automobile accident the morning the Baptist Record received this letter.)

Bigger And Bolder

Dear Editor:
Please let me suggest an idea and a conviction I have since reading Dr. George E. Bagley's letter concerning "Los Angeles' Convention and Bold Mission Thrust."

We are told by the Home Mission Board that there are some 600 counties in the far west and northwest sections of the Nation where there is no evangelical witness — no Baptist church. The executive secretaries of the pioneer states have indicated there are many great cities and not enough churches or workers or money to do the job needed any time in the near future.

Why not do something BOLD! Why not recommend to the next Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta that we have the Los Angeles Convention in 1981 and ask our churches to spend millions of dollars to send their pastors and church staff into these needy areas for two weeks after the convention to establish new churches and to confront the people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Add to this group the staff of every State Convention and every Southern Baptist Convention agency and we could really do something BOLDER about this need.

This is BOLD MISSIONS! This is BOLDER missions from the local churches. It is big and challenging!!! It can be done if we trust God and have faith. It would give Bold Mission Thrust the BOLDER push forward it really needs.

There are a lot of reasons some churches will give to have the opportunity to work in this mission work. Think what it would mean to the work of our Lord if this host of workers went into these areas to do this in our homeland. The Home Mission Board and state conventions could coordinate it. The Brotherhood and the WMU could recruit laymen to join in.

Let's do it — BOLDER, BIGGER, AND BETTER — for Jesus sake!!!!

Cordially,
Wendell F. Wentz
Lowry City, Mo.

The Pastor's Real Friend

Dear Editor:

His position is rather new in our convention, yet one that is overdue. It is often a thankless position, but what joy it is to have a part in bringing God's man together with God's church.

This position takes a very special person to direct it. He must be a man of prayer and a man who is devoted to the Lord's church everywhere of every size. He must be a counselor, because his counsel effects the lives of so many preachers and churches.

I know of so many pastors who are not happy and need to move but cannot. Likewise, there are many churches who have pastors they would like to move but cannot. Many of our pastors are quitting the ministry because they cannot find a place to serve. Well, God has sent to our Convention Board a Godfearing man, Dr. Clifton Perkins, who is the Director of Church-Ministry Relations. In 1976, Dr. Perkins helped 500 churches sec-

ure staff members.

If there is a pastor or church anywhere that needs assistance and advice, I would recommend you to first talk with Dr. Perkins.

This writer speaks with authority because I have been there. I sought out Dr. Perkins' advice and the Holy Spirit used it to give me the help I needed.

I have found so many preachers who know nothing of this ministry. If you need some help, you can find it in this man's office.

Preacher, are you looking for a church to serve? Seek out this man.

Church, are you looking for a pastor? Seek out this man.

Indeed this wonderful ministry has been effective and blessed of God.

Don Nerren, Pastor
Parkway Baptist Church
Kosciusko, Miss.

THE PREACHER AND HIS PEOPLE by David R. Grant, Carlton Press, Inc. New York, N. Y., 109 pages; \$5.95.

This is the first book for the pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson. In it he examines the multifaceted role of the pastor. Each chapter looks into a different area of the many duties and responsibilities faced by the pastor such as church administration, evangelism, counseling, physical health, and personal worship. Through it all the author draws from the prayer life of Jesus that there are three key words to a successful ministry. They are dependence, commitment, and confidence. Dependence is the knowledge that the pastor cannot handle his work alone but must depend on the Lord. Commitment is an acceptance of the ministry with all of triumphs and tragedies, and confidence comes from self acceptance that does not seek personal glory.

"UNCLE SAM, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN" by William Hafford Berry (Vantage Press, \$4.50, 56 pp.). This is a self-styled modern prophecy written in the form of free verse and copied after the style of many of the Old Testament prophets. The author, an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, fearlessly confronts some of the evils of the day and points out that the breakdown of morals in America can only mean what it has signified for other civilizations of the past, ultimate

destruction. This modern prophecy, however, points to the one escape that remains to America — regeneration.

The story goes back to the original confrontation between Jesus and Nicodemus. There Jesus said: "Unless a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." In sequence, the author maintains that unless Uncle Sam experiences the same spiritual rebirth as a nation, his destiny will follow an equal pattern with all those nations that forget God. — E. Gordon Crocker, Supt. of Missions, Shelby County Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

A PATCHWORK FAMILY by Mark and Mary Frances Henry (Broadman, paper, 160 pp., \$3.95). This is an innovative book encouraging the formation of small groups within the church, the groups to include children, youth, and adults. The Henrys give page after page of suggested ideas for this "intergenerational" group — ideas for relational Bible study, games, and special events. They contend that such groups help to build "a sense of family."

IDEAS FOR EFFECTIVE WORSHIP SERVICES compiled and edited by James C. Barry and Jack Guldge (Convention Press, 85 pp.). Designed for pastors and church staff members, this book includes biblical concepts of worship, models for planning worship, and ways to evaluate worship ser-

vices. Maybe this is the fresh approach you have been seeking.

PORTRAITS OF GOD by Harold T. Bryson (Broadman, \$4.95, 167 pp.). Portraits of God? Didn't Jesus say, "No man has seen God at any time?" How then, does anybody ever see God? Harold Bryson answers that question in 16 stirring chapters about how God does reveal himself and his character. From the Gospels, Bryson writes about God the Timekeeper, the Coin Collector, The Thirst Quencher, The Weed Exterminator, The Landowner, The Freedom-giving Father, The Good Shepherd, The Waiting Father, The Appetite Appeaser, and more. His book gives rare insight into the nature of a loving God and wandering, erring humanity. The author is a Mississippi native, a former Mississippi pastor, and former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He is now associate professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary.

THE HERITAGE BOOK 1978 by Edna McCann (McMillan, \$3.50, 197 pp.). When the author exchanges letters with people all around the world, she adds to the letters bits of stories and verses and prayers that will make their days brighter. This book is a compilation from her collection of favorite sayings — one for each day in the year. Color photographs adds to the book's beauty.

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Beal is currently education coordinator for Birchman Avenue Church, Fort Worth.

He served on an aircraft squadron in the U. S. Navy. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southwestern Seminary. The former Martha Lyle, Mrs. Beal

was born in Laurel, and lived in Natchez.

While living in Natchez, she was a member of First Baptist Church. She was graduated from Mississippi College and served as church secretary at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, and Birchman Avenue Church, Fort Worth.

They have two children. Sarah Sheline and Susan Annette.



Karl and Peggy Wallace



Richard and Martha Beal

Board Approves 30 Missionaries

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Meeting in Texas for the first time in nine years, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved 30 new missionaries, paid tribute to the late James G. Harris and moved toward strengthening the financial support of its missionaries who face inflation and dollar devaluation abroad.

The memory of Harris, immediate past president of the board who died last July 31, was strong as 5,000 attending the Tarrant County Convention Center appointment service stood to applaud his widow, Mrs. Harris. She received a film copy of last April's appointment service in Atlanta, Ga., where her husband presided.

The board re-elected its current president, William L. Self of Atlanta, Ga., and three of its other officers. It also elected two new administrative associates to serve on its Richmond, Va., staff — James W. Cecil as associate consultant for laymen overseas and John R. Cheyne as associate coordinator of hunger relief and disaster response.

Cecil's primary responsibility will be the coordination and participation of volunteers in overseas missions projects.

When disasters occur, Cheyne will work with the missionaries in providing for the immediate needs of disaster victims. He also will assist the missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) as they propose and evaluate recommendations to the Foreign Mission Board for programs to rehabilitate damaged areas.

His hunger relief duties will include working with the missions to develop long-term approaches to help alleviate hunger-related problems.

Although faced with growing financial demands overseas because of inflation and decline in value of the U. S. dollar, the board acted to authorize increases and adjustments in missionary support in the 1979 budget if projected funds for the budget allow the changes.

The process will be handled in such a way that no missionary will have any reduction in income during the transition period, a board spokesman said.

One proposed change will increase the basic missionary support level by \$600 per couple and \$400 per single missionary. Another would move toward phasing out child allowances as a separate item of financial support, but would incorporate the amount of present child allowances (up to the average amount for three children) into the base salary.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, said full implementation of these proposals is not likely in the 1979 budget since the amount required to accomplish these changes will probably be \$2,500,000. This figure does not include the normal cost-of-living adjustments, costs of the current decline in dollar exchange value and growth in the missionary staff, Crawley said.

In the same session, the board voted immediate cost of living adjustments for missionaries in Japan and Okinawa, where the dollar has been losing ground steadily in comparison to local currencies, and for those in Ghana, where a combination of local inflation and a fixed exchange rate is putting a heavy burden on missionary budgets.

The increases for missionaries in these three countries, made retroactive to April 1, will cost an estimated \$72,000 for the remainder of the year. Another \$79,310 was approved to provide cost-of-living adjustments in 11 other countries where inflation or dollar decline are causing problems. These become effective June 1.

In other areas, uncertainty in obtaining resident visas looms over the possibilities of expanding work and making bold new plans. Some of the representatives expressed new fears that visas may be a problem in their areas.

The representatives reported the continuing need for more personnel throughout the world. That need causes concern in Japan, according to James, where half of the missionary force will retire in the next 13 years. He said many of the missionaries to Japan came in right after World War II and approach retirement with a dim hope of replacement.

Special Ministries Section Organized

NASHVILLE — A special ministries section has been organized by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to provide for Bible teaching needs of the mentally retarded, deaf, blind and language groups.

Braille materials are presently distributed free of charge by the section to 1,800 adults and almost 500 youth. Recent statistics indicate 80,000 Americans receive public assistance because of vision impairment.

Sunday School Lesson Simplified and Simplified Bible Study are produced by the special ministries section for deaf persons, plus a resource kit for work with children.

Chamberlain said a Spanish translation of Sunday School Adults entitled *El Interprete*, will be released within the next year. Future plans call for distribution of basic materials concerning establishing Sunday Schools in more languages.

Gulfshore Dedication

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to completion as early as possible in the face of rising costs.

Restoration Efforts

Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, has headed the restoration efforts since 1974. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, was chairman of the fund-raising committee during its service in 1973 and 1974.

Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian, was chairman of the first Assembly Study Committee in 1969, 1970, and 1971. A. Estus Mason, pastor of First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, headed the next study committee in 1971 and 1972.

A steering committee, again headed by Tinnin, began preliminary plans for restoration in 1972 and 1973 before the restoration committee began its work in 1974.

Frank Simmons is manager of the

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May 'Baptist Hour' Sermons Spotlight Christian Mothers

Have you ever thought about the kind of woman God chose to be the mother of his Son?

In his May 14 Baptist Hour sermon, Dr. Frank Pollard discusses "The Kind of Mother God Chooses." Pollard says Mary was a simply a "motherly kind of woman, not a superwoman removed by holy thoughts and angelic guidance from all other womanhood."

"When the angel appeared, she asked the same questions any woman would ask," says Pollard. "In Mary

we see what God expects of a mother — a woman of true and beautiful character in the middle of circumstances antagonistic to the making of such character."

"The Baptist Hour," which Pollard hosts, is a half-hour contemporary spiritual experience produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is heard in stereo on 359 stations weekly.

The May sermons also include "An Interview With Joseph," "A Study In

Elbows and Fingertips," and "I Am The Life."

In "An Interview With Joseph," Pollard gives listeners "secrets for successful living." He begins by saying, "A man must work. There is no room at the top of the ladder for the lazy man."

The successful person should be honest, forgiving, and optimistic, according to Pollard. "Above all, a man must commit himself to God, for real success is to say to the Master of life, 'Wherever you lead, I'll go.'"

Modern Gulfshore—Retreat Setting For Study

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are reached by elevator, ramp, or stairs. Each of the two sleeping sections has rooms equipped for the handicapped.

The 72 rooms sleep as many as eight people, with varied arrangements available for families. Not a room has a television set. The idea of coming to Gulfshore is to get away from the distractions of the everyday routine to come for a spiritual encounter, Simmons declared.

Nurse On Duty

A nurse will be on duty for all conferences with qualified physicians located in adjoining communities as well as hospitals with round-the-clock emergency operations.

A snackbar for the few who don't get their fill of the meals served will be open in late afternoons and after the evening sessions of conferences.

As the buildings were brought down by the hurricane, so was much of the original landscaping. An anonymous gift of \$15,000 has begun efforts to restructure the original beauty of the 32-acre facility.

Simmons as manager, is responsible for all operations of the facility. His office is that of a staff director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, answerable directly to Earl Kelly, executive secretary.

Simmons supervises the administrative, groundskeeping, and summer staffs. Freddie Cook manages the grounds and a permanent staff of six.

Paula Polk, administrative secretary, handles all reservations and coordinates the summer staff, which consists of about 40 college students recruited from college campuses and Baptist Student Unions.

Guiding principles for Gulfshore (and any other camp or assembly the Convention Board may operate) have five objectives. They are as follows:

To lead persons to a personal confrontation with and commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord;

To offer inspiration, information, instruction, and encouragement in Christian living;

To provide a retreat setting in which prayer and Bible study may become intensely personal, meaningful, and

helpful in Christian renewal and revival;

To make available modern facilities; specialized training equipment, and skilled leadership to undergird an intensive training program for church leaders;

To develop understanding, commitment, and enthusiasm in advancing the cause of Christ among Mississippi Baptist churches.

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, according to Simmons, "is something all Mississippi Baptists can be proud of."

"What Mississippi Baptists have is the most modern, the most comfortable, and the best designed top flight assembly ground in any state convention."

Exasperated Church-Goer Buys Ad To Complain About Preaching

NEW YORK (RNS) — One church-goer has become so exasperated by poor preaching that he laid out \$159 to complain publicly.

The money was the cost of an advertisement the anonymous "Concerned Churchman" placed in *America* magazine, national Jesuit weekly. The ad stated:

"We're sorry, Christ. We don't always hear your message. Why?

"Because most preachers don't realize how poor the acoustics are in their churches; they speak over or under the microphone but seldom into it; they often speak too rapidly to be understood."

"And yet, Christ, we do have hope that this problem will be recognized and — with Your help — corrected."

—gninevs ysbnoM

Gloria Roe Sings On When The Lights Go Out!

By Miriam Ellzey

Gloria Roe, sacred music concert artist, performed much of her program in darkness due to a power failure at First Church, Pascagoula, Sunday evening, April 23.

Roe was nearing the end of her program when the lights went out, leaving her and the congregation singing and playing while search was made for candles.

The situation caused the large congregation to sense a togetherness and warmth that actually complemented the stirring service.

The people were especially moved by singing the invitation hymn "Just As I Am" in the darkness while Roe accompanied.

At the conclusion of the service many folks bought recordings and tapes and surrounded Roe for autographs and conversation. Almost everyone stayed and shared the unique experience in the candlelit sanctuary.

This concert followed a week-long revival at First Baptist Church, Clark McMurray, pastor, and the congregation had been anxiously awaiting the presence of Roe among them.

"It was a glorious experience for all of us as we shared together in this most meaningful service," said Roe.

Woodland Hills To Present "Alleluia"

The Sanctuary Choir of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, will perform ALLELUIA on two consecutive evenings, Sunday, May 7, and Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be in the church sanctuary. Admission is free and a nursery will be provided. The Sanctuary Choir is under direction of James Glass. James Scirrat is pastor.

Did We Care?

I heard a child crying in the streets today.

Did you hear him too?

I heard a young mother pray, "Lord, what can I do?"

Did you hear her too?

I heard a young father shout, "We can't go on like this!"

Did you hear him too?

I heard an elderly couple say, "We told you so."

Did you hear them too?

I saw a child begging in the streets for love.

Did you see him too?

I saw a young mother selling her body to buy food.

Did you see her too?

I saw a young father kill a man for the money.

Did you see him too?

I saw an elderly couple bow their heads to pray.

Did you see them too?

I know a young child died in the streets today.

Did you know it too?

I know a young mother can no longer be free.

Did you know it too?

I know a young father went to prison for life.

Did you know it too?

I know an elderly couple's hearts are breaking.

Did you know it too?

I heard them all, and pretended to be deaf.

Did you pretend too?

I saw them all, and pretended to be blind.

Did you pretend too?

I knew what was happening and pretended to be unknowledgeable.

Did you pretend too?

If we had cared, would that child have died?

Did you care? NO.

If we had cared, would that mother have to be a slave?

Did we care? NO.

If we had cared, would that father be in prison?

Did we care? NO.

If we had cared, would that elderly couple's hearts be breaking?

Did we care? NO.

The facts are in; we are all deemed unworthy to be our brother's keeper. Suddenly our ears hear, our eyes see, and our minds open to knowledge and our hearts bleed with concern. For people who once didn't care, we are all concerned with one another's fate. But the question remains:

"Did we care when it was really needed?"

The Lord's Servant,
Glenda Hodges

(NOTE: Glenda, age 18, lives at Rt. 1, Leakesville.)

Children's Village

(Continued from page 1)

first children were placed on the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, thereby inaugurating what the Village administration has characterized as "a country-life campus, affording a new dimension in Christian child care for selected boys and girls whose social and emotional needs may best be met in a rural setting and by a program which is geared to the rural environment." According to Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Children's Village, almost 400 different boys and girls were admitted to the custodial care of the Baptist agency in 1977, and 33 new children were received to custody during the first 2½ months of 1978.

In commenting upon the importance of the Mother's Day appeal to The Village, Nunnery has pointed out that every facility at every location, of the Baptist child care agency is financed, supported, and sustained from a Cooperative Program allocation, supplying about 20 percent of total Village operating needs, and from designated giving.

Enormous Cost

"Your Village staff is conscious of the enormous costs now attendant upon a child care ministry of any type," Nunnery said, "and we renew our pledge to all Mississippi Baptists to keep our operating costs at a reasonable minimum, especially in view of greatly inflated costs of living which beset us all. However, we cannot believe Mississippi Baptists would have us either turn away those who

need our help, or eliminate services and ministries which are critical to the filling of that need and which render the work of our agency distinctively Christian. Thus, we again beg an interest in the prayers and the gifts of Mississippi Baptist churches during Christian Home Week."

Records at The Children's Village indicate that a substantial majority of the children now coming to care are larger teen-agers, many of whom require more expensive services because of critical moral, social, and emotional problems as well as because of their physical sizes and chronological ages.

Churches desiring additional information have been invited to write The Baptist Children's Village, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 or telephone Village offices in Jackson at 922-2242.

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Forty-eight men and women took part in the 1978 Brotherhood mission tour. The Men's Rescue Mission, above, was one of six mission points they visited in New Orleans.

48 Go On Brotherhood Tour

"We Have New Objects Of Prayer"

By Anne McWilliams

"You just want to lift the people up in your arms and love them. You feel you can do so little!" said Mrs. Ossie Lou Lewis of Starkville. This was her reaction after a visit to the New Orleans riverfront and a night walk down Bourbon Street. At 82 she was next to the oldest of 48 on the 1978 Brotherhood mission tour.

The April 10-12 tour gave these people a chance to see how some of their mission money is being spent and to learn firsthand more about the needs and methods in mission work in New Orleans and south Mississippi.

Others, like Mrs. Lewis included eight men and 39 women. Most were retired. One was a pastor — Roy Garrison of Briarhill.

Annual mission tours sponsored by the state Brotherhood Department began 15 years ago with three cars. Last year 59 went to see Parchman and mission points in Memphis.

This year V. O. James, member of the Brotherhood at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, was on his second tour. "It was like a family reunion," he said.

"We have objects of prayer now that we didn't have before," added Mrs. J. B. Fanning, retired teacher from Hickory. Both she and her husband were on the bus. She believes that many more retired people could afford to go because the tour is very inexpensive. "You can't live at home any cheaper," she said.

Planning for the trip was done by Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department. He was assisted by Rusty Griffin, consultant; and Mrs. Linda Douglas, office secretary.

Even the time on the bus was used to



Doug Day of First, Starkville, led the singing on the bus.



Rusty Griffin led a walking tour of the French Quarter and Jackson Square.

good advantage — in getting acquainted, reviewing mission information, and singing. Doug Day of Starkville led the singing while he played his guitar.

The tour group ate lunch Monday at the Men's Rescue Mission on Magazine Street in New Orleans. They ate breakfast Tuesday at New Orleans Seminary and Wednesday at William Carey College. Their coffeetalks had been arranged to fall due on the McComb azalea trail at the Pike County associational office; at Diamondhead Mission on the Gulf Coast; at National Baptists' Sophia Sutton Assembly, Prentiss; and at the Baptist Student Center at USM.

Monday afternoon, they left Men's Rescue Mission to visit four other centers for social ministry. At Sellers Home, adoption center and home for unwed mothers, they saw three new babies. At Carver Center, they met Mildred Streeter, who said that she will retire next year, and Janie Selvy, US-2er from Kansas.

Richard Wilson, director, gave them a guided tour of Rachel Sims Mission, one of the oldest Home Board ministries in the United States. He also went with them to Friendship House, day care center and meeting place for a Spanish Baptist church. He said that at least 52,000 live in a 17 x 52 block area of the city.

It was raining when they arrived at New Orleans Seminary early Tuesday morning to eat breakfast and to meet President Landrum Leavell.

Monday's warm sun was gone and a cold wind was blowing in from the Gulf when they stopped to see the new Gulfshore.

At the Diamondhead mission, Nathan Barber, the Bay St. Louis pastor, explained that in expectation of area growth the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board had bought the site and the Gulf Coast Association had bought the mobile chapel. First Church, Bay St. Louis, sponsored the mission which now has 44 members and an average attendance of 27.

Miriam Haggard, member of the mission, directed a bus tour of Diamondhead with its professionally landscaped grounds and condominiums full of well-to-do people.

"We have seen the best and the worst, in mission fields," said Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, retired nurse of Vicksburg. "We saw the down and out in New Orleans and the homes of the wealthy at Diamondhead. I didn't know we were doing such great work in so many areas. It has encouraged me to want to give more as I have seen the needs not far from my door."

Paul Vandercook's ministry to the seamen at the Gulfport docks impressed James White of McComb. "People from all over the world just float right up to us, and we have a chance to minister to them while they are here," he said. White took a few days' leave from his job with the railroad in order to make the mission trip.

Vandercook said he needed volunteers to assist him in his work at the world's largest banana port. If you are going to the Coast for a short time, or a long time, and want to know how you can help, contact Paul Vandercook at Box 2593, Gulfport, 39503 (phone 832-4311).

William Carey's music group, the Carpenters, entertained the mission tourists. President Ralph Noonkester spoke to them at the breakfast, as did Joanne Myrick, last year's Miss William Carey and former summer missionary to the Northwest, who is now a student recruiter for the college. (She



The staff at Pike Baptist Association Center, McComb, served coffee to the Brotherhood tour group.



Mrs. Lynn Beall of Hazlehurst and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer of Vicksburg were among the Brotherhood tour group who saw Gulfshore. (Photos by Anne McWilliams)

is a sister of Linda Douglas of the Brotherhood staff.)

At University of Southern Mississippi, Cindy McCall and six others were guides for tours of the Baptist Student Center. Cindy will be a 1978 summer missionary to Ohio.

During the stop at Columbia Training School, Ray Bell, chaplain, told of the four-denominational Sunday School there and of eight professions of

faith this month.

Buel McNeil, member of Leaf River Baptist Church, Petal, was bus driver for the trip.

Paul Harrell encouraged the men and women to share what they had seen with their churches. He said, "In Bold Mission Thrust, all of us have a responsibility."

Next year's Brotherhood mission tour will be to the Caribbean.



Mrs. F. M. Hunter of Mississippi State greets Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary. Paul Harrell, director, state Brotherhood Department, is at right.

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Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I don't know about old dogs, but I am sure about old fingers. It is quite hard to teach them new tricks.

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It really never did upset me too much, though, because my old typewriter is one of my very best friends. We have struggled through everything from a four-line poem to a master's degree thesis. If I could replace it, I doubt that I would.

But, back to old fingers.

A couple of weeks ago I began work at a new job. On my desk at work is a marvelous typing machine that is even correcting. Can you imagine the luxury of merely mashing an insignificant - looking little key and typing right over your mistakes? That ability is the nicest talent of my new typewriter, but it has many other talents, and it took me many days to convince it that I am on equal standing with it. There are times even now, though, when I have the feeling that it still gets the upper hand.

It reminds me constantly that we have to know how to handle and manage all the marvels of modern invention before they are really a help to us. I am still working at it, so far as this machine is concerned.

Areawide Tent Crusade Planned In Rankin County

May 7-14 there will be an areawide Tent Crusade for Christ six miles south of Brandon on Hwy. 18 at the entrance to Robinhood Lake resorts. This crusade will be sponsored by the Robinhood church and conducted by Evangelist Joe H. Royalty.

Royalty, a native Mississippian, has been in evangelistic and pastoral work for 33 years. He has been pastor of five churches and preached in over 700 revivals in eight countries and 41 states.

For six years he has been an associate evangelist to E. J. Daniels.

Mike Smith, minister of music, Richland Church will lead the crusade choir. Smith has been in full time evangelistic music for several years, also serving with Daniels.

Mrs. Sharron Post, daughter of the evangelist will play the organ for the crusade. This will be an "ole time" sawdust trail tent meeting. Services will begin at 8 p.m.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Prentiss Church (Jeff Davis) has called Duann Kier as activities director for the summer. Miss Kier is presently serving as assistant BSU director at Mississippi College and served last summer as the first intern editorial associate of *The Baptist Record*. She will attend New Orleans Seminary in the fall. David Michel is pastor at Prentiss Church.

Cumberland Church, Webster Association, has licensed Lonnie G. Waller to preach. Waller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Waller of Coffeeville. He is married to the former Sarah McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGee of Mathiston. They have two children.

T. W. Spencer, former pastor in Mississippi, has moved from Eads, Colo., to First Baptist Church, 10915 Black Forest Road, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80908. He was at Eads for four years. Spencer was pastor in this state at Unity, Red Lick, and Pleasant Valley at Mendenhall. His wife Cheryl is the daughter of Mrs. A. H. Rogillio of Port Gibson. The Spencers have two daughters, Sonya, 10, and Julia, 8.

Four Mississippi College ministerial students have been awarded Luther Rice Scholarships to Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., it was announced by William W. Stevens, Chairman of the Division of Religion. Those receiving the awards include William J. Ireland, Jr., of Greenville; Clarence Douglas Weaver of Richmond, Va.; William D. McCann of Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Richard D. Axtell of Clinton. The four Mississippi College students were among 20 Luther Rice Scholarships awarded nationwide. The Rice Award is for those students who plan church-related work in the United States.

Robert Virden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Virden, has been accepted to serve at Camp Rockmont for boys at Black Mountain N. C. as junior counselor during the summer. He will be ministering to boys 7-16. A member of Hanging Moss Church, Jackson, he has surrendered to full-time Christian service, with a desire to enter a ministry to young people. He will be a sophomore at Mississippi College during the 1978-79 term. Paul Wilson is pastor of Hanging Moss Church.

A former seminary faculty member, a foreign missionary, and the head of a college sociology department have been named recipients of the 1978 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni of the Year awards. **Swan Haworth**, a former professor of psychology of religion, John Allen Moore, a missionary in Thailand, Switzerland, and Sarah Frances Anders, a professor at Louisiana College, Pineville, will receive their honors at the 1978 Southern Seminary Luncheon, June 14, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. The awards will be presented by national alumni president W. C. Fields of Nashville, Tenn. Haworth formerly served in pastorates in Kentucky, Mississippi, and North Carolina. He is currently teaching at the School of Pastoral Care, N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Moore is a native of Clarksdale, Miss.

Jack Robinson, choir director at Spring Hill Church, Marshall Association, for 20 years, died of a heart attack on Wednesday, April 12. Mrs. W. T. Young, church clerk, states, "He was one of our most faithful and humble men. Our members carry the sweetest memories of one who served his God and his church well."

Linda Moravek, a student at William Carey College School of Nursing has been elected president of the Mississippi Association for Student Nurses. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benson Moravek of Slidell, Louisiana.

Members of Providence Church, Cleveland, recently held a reception honoring their choir director and his wife, **Robert and Pam Farmer**. Farmer has resigned in order to continue his studies at the New Orleans Seminary. He has been choir director and his wife has been church pianist for three years. He is a student at Delta State University. They have two children.



Appreciation Day was held at Providence (Tippah) for Roy Smith who has served for 25 years as music director there. The church presented him a plaque for his faithful services to the church. Following the morning service there was a fellowship dinner in his honor. Pictured with Smith is Eugene Walden, pastor.

Leon Champion, president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Ministerial Association, has resigned that post over the group's acceptance of homosexual and non-Christian clergy as members. Champion, pastor of Lauderdale Manors Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, was formerly pastor in Mississippi for 11 years. The association is an organization of clergymen of different denominations. Champion's resignation came in response to the vote last month to strike all references to the Bible, Jesus, or the Christian faith as requirements for membership as spelled out in a new constitution being considered by the association. In announcing his resignation he also rapped what he considered an apparent pro-gay stand by the association.

Wanda Hill, teacher at Pascagoula High, and **Ginny Storie**, teacher at Vancleave, will serve eight weeks this summer in Idaho with the Home Mission Board. They will pay their own travel expenses. Both are members of the Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula.

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Revival Dates

First Church, Gulfport: May 7-10; Jim Keith, pastor; Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, evangelist; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday; services at 12 noon luncheon and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. Billy S. Hilbun, former music director of First Church of Gulfport, presently, president of Crescendo Sound of Dallas, Tex., publisher of religious music and books, music evangelist.

Woodhaven, Ocean Springs: May 7-12; W. T. Miller, pastor of West Gulfport Church, evangelist; Wayne Parker, music director of Woodhaven Church, singer; services at 7 p.m.; Curtis I. Miller, pastor.

Star (Rankin): May 7-10; Jimmy Harrington, pastor, bringing the messages; Ben Crawford, in charge of music; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed.

Ted Church (Smith): May 14-19; dinner at church on Sunday, May 14, with both morning and afternoon services, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m.; John E. Barrow, pastor, evangelist; Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, Jackson, song leader and soloist.

Northside Church, Vicksburg: May 7-12; services 6:30 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. during week; "Proclaiming Christ as The Answer," theme; James Messer, interim pastor of Northside, evangelist; J. B. Betts and his daughter, Marsha, music evangelists; Mrs. Derinda Lewis, pianist; Mrs. Kathi Jackson, organist.

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson: May 7-12; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Perry Neal, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music evangelist; coffee and doughnuts at the church at 6:30 a.m.; Wilson Winstead, pastor.



Seven Students Share

Seven students from Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, have been a part of the Share Team Ministry of the Baptist Student Union for the 1977-78 school year. This team has been involved in sharing Jesus Christ through music and testimony with the churches of the Pearl River Junior College district. Group members are (seated) Becky Wise; (second row) Rhonda Regan, Linda Robinson, and Lisa Arban; (third row) Steve Howard, Mark True, and Allen Barnes. The BSU director at Pearl River Junior College is Lloyd Luncford.

State Native Signs Contract For Publication Of First Book



Mrs. Rosaline Alderman, native of Lawrence County, Mississippi, signs a contract with Broadman Press, while her pastor, Richard T. Stillner of First Church, Hope, Ark., looks on.

A small town is a place where a fellow with a black eye doesn't have to explain to people... they know. — Times-Enterprise, Union City, Pa.

Mrs. Rosalie (Edwin A.) Alderman of Hope, Ark. has signed a contract with Broadman Press, Nashville, for the publication of her first book, **Take Heart**, which will be released next fall.

Mrs. Alderman was born in Lawrence County, Miss. When she was orphaned at age 12, she was adopted by Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Terry, a Baptist minister and his wife in Lincoln County. Education and marriage were in Mississippi, and the Aldermans lived in Bude, Crystal Springs, Hermitage, Port Gibson and Philadelphia in this state. They were active in the Baptist churches in each of these towns.

A number of years ago the Aldermans moved to Hope, Ark., where they reside at 704 Sunset Drive (71801), and he is head of an accounting firm and is engaged in a farm operation. They both have been active in the First Baptist Church of that city. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

For the past nine years Mrs. Alderman has been providing regularly scheduled religious services and Bible teaching in a nursing home in Hope, and just recently has started a similar ministry in another such home there. In part, the forthcoming book is based upon the rich experiences which have been hers as she has sought to minister to the spiritual needs of the nursing home residents. It also reveals her own great faith as she has dealt with illness and other problems in her life.

The book will be released as a part of the Broadman Readers Plan series, but also will appear in a trade edition. Publication date is October 2.

Staff Changes

D. Neil Harris is the new minister of music at First Church, McComb. He moved there from a similar position at First Church, Gautier. Harris is a graduate of USM and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Michele have one son, David Neil. Mrs. Harris is a nurse.

Dennis Johnsey is the new pastor of First Church, Summit. He goes there from Mantee.

Frank Ellis has accepted Central, McComb's call as associate pastor. He will work with children, youth, and senior adults. A Floridian, he will graduate from New Orleans Seminary in May.

Gary Bowlin has resigned at West McComb Church to accept the pastorate of Lakeshore Church in Jackson.

Progress Church, Pike County, has called Billy Ray Simmons as pastor. He has been serving with the Hebron Church in Amite County.

First Church, Runnelstown, has called Thomas Balch as pastor. He goes from Eastview, Laurel.

Balch is a native of Jones County. He graduated from William Carey College after studying at Clarke College and Southern Oregon College in Ashland, Ore. He attended New Orleans Seminary.

Balch served in the pioneer mission program in Oregon for 12½ years and in Michigan for two years. He and his wife began several new Baptist churches while in this work. They also have worked together in music evangelism in revivals.

Balch is married to the former Barbara Reid of Laurel and they have two daughters.

Runnelstown Church welcomed their new pastor April 16, and at the same time expressed appreciation to Troy Sumrall who had served as interim pastor.

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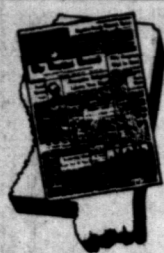
The key to handling stress is learning. Learning to air your feelings in constructive ways, to train your body to relax, to repair a lifestyle before you're faced with expensive medical repairs. You have to learn what your stresses are and the best ways for you to deal with them.

But they must be dealt with. Because the longer you remain in the grip of stress, the more crushing—and costly—its effects.

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Just For The Record



THE SUNSHINE SINGERS OF PRICEVILLE CHURCH in Lee Association presented a musical program April 16 under direction of Gregg Thomas, minister of music. Many decisions were made in response to the invitation at the close. The ensemble includes: LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW—Anne Massey, Tina Hendrix, Lisa Cook, Carol Oswalt, Denise Westmoreland, and Tammy Alexander. FRONT ROW—Karen Daniel, pianist and Gregg Thomas.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, is the date for "A Sweet Beginning" for children's choirs of FIRST CHURCH, FLORENCE. Under direction of Mrs. Tom Taylor, children's choir coordinator, four choirs will begin. The graded choir staff has received training from the state music department, as well as from Broadmoor, Oak Forest, and Parkway churches in Jackson. Bob Hutcherson is pastor; Ron Smith is minister of music.

A SEMINAR on the usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective instructional tools is scheduled at FIRST CHURCH, YAZOO CITY, on Monday, May 8, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The three and one-half hour training session will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions, Inc. (PPI), a San Diego, California company. Live and film performances will be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of puppetry as a communications tool. Seminar sizes are limited to insure adequate personal attention so early registration is recommended. Individual registration fees are \$15.00 with reduced rates available for groups and families. For additional details and registration information, contact Danny Johnson at (601) 746-2471.



SCOTLAND CHURCH, WINONA, celebrated the 10th anniversary of its pastor, R. L. WILCUTT, by the presentation of a check for \$1,000 and a fellowship supper. Also, during worship services, several members gave personal testimonies of appreciation for the pastor and his family. Wilcutt accepted the call to Scotland in 1968. Above, Allen Weed, chairman of deacons, left, presents the check to Wilcutt.

TERRY'S CREEK, Pike County, has a new brick pastor's home. The old parsonage was burned last spring. John Hedgepeth, pastor, and his family have moved into the new house.

HOMEcoming SERVICES will be conducted at WOODHAVEN CHURCH OF OCEAN SPRINGS on May 7 beginning at 11 a.m. The noon meal will be served on the church grounds. A hymn-fest will be conducted in the church auditorium. Curtis I. Miller is pastor.

EAST McCOMB CHURCH, McCOMB, held rededication services in its newly renovated sanctuary on April 16. Speakers were Jimmy McGee, pastor; Dan West, director of Pike County missions; and John Thompson, mayor of McComb. Lunch was served at the church and open house was held in the afternoon. This followed a week of revival in which Step Martin, pastor of Calvary Shreveport, was evangelist, and Cecil Harper of Clinton was the singer.

Nashville (RNS) — The largest Methodist church in continental Europe has more than 1,000 members and is located in Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia. Its pastor, Olav Par-namets, is one of 26 missionaries from 20 countries now preaching in churches throughout the United States. One of his first speaking engagements was at Bellshire United Methodist Church here.

Woodville Meets Doubled Goal

Woodville Church, Mississippi Association, set \$750.00 as its goal for the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering. Through the WMU emphasis of the week of prayer, the goal was met in only two weeks.

Pascagoula's Calvary Will Present "The King Is Coming"

Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present the dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This production has been presented in churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida.

"The King Is Coming" is an original production concerning the latter days and the second coming of Christ. Mrs.

Laurie Burkes, author of the script, and Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir set the script to music and drama.

James Miller, associate pastor, is sermon narrator; Buddy Mathis is featured in character narrations, and also accompanies the choir with his trumpet. Byron E. Mathis is pastor.

Retired Pastor

Dies At 84

Funeral services for James M. Spikes, 84, were held April 11 in Mobile, Ala., where he had lived since his retirement from the active ministry in 1960.

A native of Webster County, Spikes was graduated from Clarke College in 1925 and later attended Southwestern Seminary. During more than 40 years in the ministry, he held many pastorates in the state, Calhoun, Grenada, Webster, Humphreys, Lincoln, and Copiah Counties.

Spikes is survived by his wife, Della Broadus Spikes of Mobile; three daughters, Mildred Spikes of Jackson, Mrs. Earlene Nolan of Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Jean Blount of Mobile; two sons, James B. Spikes of Ridge-land and Paul W. Spikes of Starkville; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Bay Vista Needs Workers For Day Care Center

Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, will open a Day Care Center this fall. The center is accepting applications for the following positions: director, kindergarten teacher, day care workers, and janitor.

The center will offer day care services 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for ages 6 months through 5 years as well as Kindergarten classes for 3, 4, and 5 year olds.

Devotional

The Tongue

By Clyde B. Little, Pastor, Forest
James 3:1-16

One of the first things that a doctor usually does is to ask to see the tongue, that he may know whether there is something wrong with the system. So it is with our spiritual constitution. If the tongue is stained, the whole personality is stained.

James stresses the good accomplishments of the tongue before he presents the evil which it can cause. "The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things" (James 3:5). The word for "member" in the original Greek is "melos."

This Greek word has two meanings, the first of which is "a limb, a member, a part of the whole." The second meaning of the word is "melody, the music to which a song is set." Thus, the tongue is not only a mere member of the body, but also that member which produces melody.

It seems that the primary purpose for which God created the tongue is to produce good-sounding music for the whole body. If the tongue is out of tune, the whole body will not be able to produce the music it is meant to in our lives.

The psalmist said, "I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord." Our speech and conversation should produce song and praise, joy and blessings. When I speak to a person, or about a person, my words should be that of comfort, encouragement, love and forgiveness. The words of a Christian should help instead of harm. They should be words of prayer and praise.

James also says that the tongue "boasteth great things." The Greek meaning for the word "boasteth" here, "is to talk big and to hold the head high," because there is no hypocrisy involved. The Christian must use his tongue to boast, when he experiences the benefits of God. We must not receive the glory, but rather to glory in Him, for without Him we are nothing and we can do nothing.

David said, "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord" (Psalm 34:2). Again in Psalm 44:8, it is written, "In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever." Let our tongues talk big about the goodness of our God, not about the greatness of self.

This illustration in James shows us that the tongue of man is to the body of man what the helm of the ship is to the ship. The ship has to have someone other than self to direct it. Our tongues produce joy and praise only when they are committed entirely to Jesus Christ, who can make them talk straight in spite of the crooked circumstances of life.

Day Of Praise

Jackson To Sing At Grenada

First Church of Grenada will observe a Day of Praise on Sunday, May 7, featuring Anne Criswell Jackson, soprano vocalist from Dallas, Tex. in a sacred concert at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Anne Criswell Jackson has been proclaimed as one of the six or seven dramatic - coloratura sopranos in the world.

She has appeared many times on national television in Billy Graham Crusades. She has journeyed around the world as special soloist in crusades.

Mrs. Jackson is the daughter of W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas.

Her professional career, which began at 16 has included opera and musicals which have taken her all over the United States.

Her musical training began with voice lessons and piano at 13. She was singing solos in churches when she was seven. Her professional background includes voice and opera at Baylor University; Southern Methodist University School of Music; under Howard Jarrett of the Metropolitan Opera; and special study with Lloyd Carroll, opera coach with the San Francisco Opera Company.

John Lee Taylor is pastor of First, Grenada.

I am bound to furnish my antagonists with arguments, but not with comprehension. — Disraeli



500 Shrubs Given To Carey-On-Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke B. Wilson of Gulfport (center) have made a gift of approximately 500 flowering shrubs to the new beachfront 20-acre campus of William Carey College on the Coast. The Wilsons who are in the nursery business, are joined in the photo by R. Wayne Ousley, left, chairman of the Gulf Coast Development Campaign for the College and a deacon of First Church, Gulfport; and Falconer Hughes, acting director of Carey on the Coast.

Uniform Lesson

Peter: Worker Of Miracles

By Hardy Denham, First, Newton
Acts 9:32-43

A popular song declares, "I believe in miracles for I believe in God." Even though miracles cannot be understood, they can be accepted if one believes in God. The son of a well-known minister told his preacher-father that he could not believe Jonah survived three days in the fish.

The father responded, "If God created man and gave him life, and He created the fish, couldn't He keep Jonah alive in the fish?" The boy answered, "Well, if you put God in it I can believe it."

The Bible contains the report of miracles performed by the Lord God. The Lord Christ worked miracles during his ministry on earth. The book of The Acts contains the report of miracles performed in apostolic times.

The lesson for today focuses on Peter through whom the Lord worked miracles. The lesson passage will be treated in a thematic manner. In this commentary rather than in the consecutive verse fashion.

I. The Purpose Of Miracles.

Miracles in the Bible are really signs. A sign is an event which points beyond itself to a truth. In short, a sign tells or shows something. The plaques visited on the Egyptians as reported in Exodus were signs proving the sovereignty of God over the gods of Egypt. The miracles performed by Christ authenticated His credentials. Nicodemus stated as much when he said, "No one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with Him" (John 3:2).

The miracles in The Acts were for the purpose of authenticating the apostles as messengers of the risen Christ and causing men to turn to the Lord.

The twofold purpose of miracles in The Acts is shown in the response of people. When the lame man was healed (Acts 3), the Sanhedrin asked Peter and John, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" (Acts 4:7). Peter's answer focused on Christ. The result of the two miracles reported in Sunday's lesson was that men turned to Christ (Acts 9:35 and 42).

II. The Performance Of Peter.

Peter enlarged the scope of his ministry by leaving Jerusalem. The apostles remained in Jerusalem with the exception of the mission which took Peter and John to the Samaritan city

where Philip preached (Acts 8:14). Even the persecutions following Stephen's martyrdom did not force the apostles out of Jerusalem (Acts 8:1).

However, Peter finally left the city to visit the brethren in Judea (verse 32). The report of the apostles' ministry focuses on activities in Lydda (Acts 9:32-35) and Joppa (Acts 9:36-43). Peter also went on to Caesarea before returning to Jerusalem (Acts 10:1-48).

Peter was responsive to needs during his ministry in Judea. The apostles' purpose in leaving Jerusalem was not to engage in an evangelistic mission but a pastoral tour. He was visiting the saints. Peter was ready to respond to needs. He was a people-helper and he was ready to serve.

In Lydda, the modern Lod, Peter found a paralyzed man (verse 33). Since Aeneas had only been paralyzed for eight years, his condition was probably due to some accident. Peter produced healing for the man in Christ's name (verse 34). The cure was instantaneous and complete. Not only was the paralysis ended, but he had the strength to stand.

There was a believer at Joppa who became ill and died. Tabitha, or Dorcas, was a woman of commendable traits. She was a saint who was not merely counted, she lived a life that counted. But illness and death come to the greatest of God's servants.

Messengers were sent to Peter at Lydda to come. The distance between the two places was not great and the journey could be easily made on foot. Thus Dorcas did not sleep the sleep of death for more than a few hours. Peter's brief command, "Tabitha arise," was preceded by prayer (verse 40). Again, the result was instantaneous.

The performance of Peter gives indication of a moderation of his Jewish practices. Luke reported that Peter stayed in Joppa with Simon, a tanner (verse 43). A tanner merchandised the hides of animals which meant that he had to touch dead animals. Contact with anything dead rendered a Jew ceremonially unclean. Contact with an unclean person meant that one became unclean. Simon was unclean, yet Peter stayed in his house for days.

The apostle had become liberal in some of his views and positions. However, he still held to some of his Jewishness as the experiences of Acts

10 reveal. Peter had learned that a life is defiled by what is put in the heart and not what is touched with the hand (Mark 7:14-15).

III. The Power Of Miracles.

The power in which the miracles of healing were worked was the power of Christ. Peter was the human instrument, but the power which made the difference was the Lord's. It was not Peter who healed Aeneas, but Christ (verse 34), and the apostle prayed before calling Tabitha from the sleep of death (verse 40).

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By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First

Genesis 8:9

After forty days of rain, the flood waters had risen to cover the mountains. The waters remained at flood level for 150 days. After that time, the waters receded sufficiently for the ark to rest upon land. But another six weeks were to pass before the tops of the mountains began to appear.

It was after this heartening news that Noah waited almost two months to leave the ark. Why did he wait so long? If Noah left too soon, there was the possibility that everyone might be exposed to unnecessary hardships. What would have happened if one animal had been lost? Then the whole species would have been destroyed. Thus another characteristic in Noah's life was shown — patience. At the command of God, Noah, his family and the precious cargo left the ark.

Noah, his family, and the animals represented both a continuum and a new beginning. Though the flood had cleansed the earth of its evil inhabitants, it did not take away sin from the human race. Knowing that man had a sinful nature and that every time it rained, serious-minded people would fear another flood, God promised that he would never again express his wrath on sinful man in the form of a flood of such proportions. Genesis 8:21-22

Life and Work Lesson

Hope For A Sinful World

After the ark rested on the mountain, Noah released a raven and a dove. The raven was black and considered unclean, whereas the dove was white and considered a clean fowl which would be used in the offering of sacrifice. It is fitting that the gentle dove brought the good news to Noah that green vegetation had appeared.

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says, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

The rainbow was God's signature, ratifying his promise that he would not destroy the earth with flood waters. However, this promise did not mean that God would never again pour out his wrath on man because of man's sin. It only meant that the expression of God's wrath would not be in the form of a flood.

The sweet smell of worship — the ancient suggestion of the appeasement of deity — brought pleasure to God. Noah was acting in character and God was pleased to suggest that a new beginning be renewed with Noah and his family. Just as Adam was commanded, so Noah was blessed and commanded to be fruitful and multiply.

The Noah covenant was like other covenants. The relationship was initiated not by man but by God. "God committed himself, without a request by Noah, and without obligation from Noah, never to flood the earth again.

The hope for the sinful world was that the judgment had at least retarded the developing strength of sin in the world and made possible a new beginning. Sin was not taken from the human race. Adam and Eve started as innocents. Noah and his family had a sinful nature. Later (in chapter nine) Noah got drunk in his tent and one of his sons took advantage of his father's humiliation. What did Ham do? He disgraced his father by exposing his shame to the world. Ham could not have been blamed for stumbling on his drunken father, but he was blamed for reporting on his father's condition. Remember Ham was not cursed but his descendants, the Canaanites.

Was it a curse or a prediction of a curse? Noah gave insight into the future of nations and saw the consequences of Ham's sin issuing in the fate of his son. With a father like Ham, the son is doomed.

The hope of Adam and his follower was the grace of God. Man became a sinner. Even righteous Noah sinned. But the Bible is clear that God was willing to forgive and forget. Man could not save himself but when man had faith in God, God was able to reach down and save him from sin's destruction.